



Report of Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Report to Scrutiny Board (Health and Well-being and Adult Social Care)

Date: 31 July 2013

Subject: Work Schedule – July 2013

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1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to consider the Scrutiny Board's work schedule for the remainder of the municipal year, 2013/14.

2 Main issues

- 2.1 At its meeting on 21 June 2013, a number of potential topics/ work programme areas were highlighted and discussed as potential matters for the work programme. At that meeting the Scrutiny Board (Health and Wellbeing and Adult Social Care) identified the following themes to form the broad direction of the its work programme for 2013/14:
- Narrowing the Gap;
 - Service quality;
 - Urgent and emergency care;
 - Progress / implications associated with achieving NHS Foundation Trust status;
 - Information flows/ data sharing
- 2.2 Work to translate these themes into a more detailed work schedule is continuing and will be presented to a future meeting of the Scrutiny Board.
- 2.3 Elsewhere on the agenda, details relating to the following themes have been presented and discussed:
- Progress / implications associated with achieving NHS Foundation Trust status;
 - Urgent and emergency care;

- 2.4 The Scrutiny Board will have also considered two Requests for Scrutiny – around men’s health and dermatology.
- 2.5 From these discussions earlier in the meeting, the Scrutiny Board may have identified some specific issues/ matters that require further and/or more detailed scrutiny. Any such matters will need to be considered in terms of overall timing, along with the specific methodology to be adopted by the Scrutiny Board (i.e. reports to the main Scrutiny Board, working group arrangements).
- 2.6 Such matter may need to be reflected in the overall work schedule for the remainder of 2013/14.

Health Service Developments Working Group

- 2.7 As outlined at the meeting held on 21 June 2013, with the Scrutiny Board’s specific ‘health scrutiny’ role, the Scrutiny Board has previously established a Health Service Developments Working Group – broadly aimed at maintaining an overview of NHS service change proposals.
- 2.8 The overall purpose of the working group has been to provide an environment that allows local NHS bodies to have an on-going dialogue with the Scrutiny Board regarding changes and development of local health services. The general functions of the working group could be summarised as follows:
- Considering, at an early stage, any future proposals for service changes and/or developments of local health services, including:
 - Whether or not the plans for patient and public engagement and involvement seem satisfactory; and,
 - Whether the proposal is in the interests of the local health service.
 - Maintaining an overview and on-going involvement in current service change proposals and associated patient and public engagement and involvement activity, including details of any stakeholder feedback and how this is being used to shape the proposals.
 - Reviewing the implementation of any agreed service change and/or development, including any subsequent service user feedback.
 - Referring any matters of significant concern to the Scrutiny Board, for consideration.
- 2.9 Nonetheless, it should be recognised that the following duty remains the responsibility of the Scrutiny Board itself:
- To comment on, make recommendations about, or report to the Secretary of State in writing about such substantial (major) proposals referred to the authority by a relevant NHS body or a relevant health service provider.
- 2.10 As such, any substantial (major) proposals identified will automatically be referred to the Scrutiny Board for consideration. In such cases, the view of the working group on the proposals for patient and public engagement and involvement, and on whether the proposals are in the interests of the local health service, will usefully inform the deliberations of the Scrutiny Board.

- 2.11 As previously reported, the working group was less well established during 2012/13 – mainly as a result of the significant structural changes affecting local NHS commissioning organisations. Nonetheless, there are some proposed on the horizon that would merit early and on-going discussion with scrutiny, including:
- Provision of maternity and neonatal services in the City;
 - Proposals resulting from Leeds and York Partnership NHS Foundation Trust transformation programme.
- 2.12 It is proposed to re-establish the working group on a more formal and firmer basis for the current municipal year, and it might be useful/ appropriate to expand the remit of the working group to ensure the full range of the Scrutiny Board's remit is covered and include the following areas within its terms of reference:
- Public Health (to reflect the transfer of responsibility from NHS commissioners to the Council);
 - Adult Social Care; and,
 - Proposals relating to the local integration of health and adult social care services.
- 2.13 As previously reported, the re-establishment of the working group will commence with a review of the terms of reference to ensure these reflect the new NHS landscape and are fit for purpose. It is also proposed to invite HealthWatch Leeds to nominate a formal co-opted member for the purpose of the working group – to help ensure
- general awareness of proposals exists within HealthWatch Leeds; and,
 - any specific emerging public/ patient views are brought to the attention of the Scrutiny Board through the working group.
- 2.14 Revised terms of reference will be reported to a future meeting of the Scrutiny Board, however it is likely that a meeting of the working group will be convened on or very close to 5/6 September 2013 to further discuss emerging proposals (for consultation) around the provision of maternity and neonatal services in the City.

3 Recommendations

- 3.1 Members are asked to consider the details in this report and:
- 3.1.1 Comment on the broad themes previously identified by the Scrutiny Board and any specific matters raised through the discussion at the meeting;
- 3.1.2 Identify any specific priorities for consideration by the Scrutiny Board;
- 3.1.3 Note and comment on the specific issues highlighted with regard to the re-establishment of the Health Service Developments Working Group (or similar), in particular around the scope of such a working group.
- 3.1.4 Agree to seek a formal nomination from HealthWatch Leeds for a co-opted member to form part of the membership of the Health Service Developments Working Group (or similar);

3.1.5 Note/ agree the proposed meeting date of the Health Service Developments Working Group to further consider and discuss emerging proposals (for consultation) around the provision of maternity and neonatal services in the City.

4. Background papers¹

4.1 None used

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.